

HA-290

Wakefield Farm Barn
1857 Deth's Ford Road
Darlington vicinity
Private

c. 1850

The Wakefield Farm Barn is significant in local history for its exemplification of building techniques of the mid-19th century and the transportation of building materials by "arking" them down the Susquehanna River. Holes were bored in the end of each plank for wood pegs to hold the boards together. The rafts of lumber were then floated downriver from Pennsylvania and the northern parts of the county.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Wakefield Farm Barn; Deerdale Barn

AND/OR COMMON Proctor Barn

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
1857 Deth's Ford Road

CITY, TOWN
Darlington

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
1st

STATE
Maryland

COUNTY
Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Thomas W. Proctor

Telephone #: 939-0439

STREET & NUMBER
1857 Deth's Ford Road

CITY, TOWN
Darlington

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE zip code
MD 21034

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: 244
Folio #: 165

STREET & NUMBER
40 So. Main St.

CITY, TOWN
Bel Air

STATE
MD

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Maryland Historical Trust Historic Sites Inventory

DATE
c. 1970

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN
Annapolis

STATE
MD

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Wakefield Farm Barn is a mid-19th century frame bank barn on a stone foundation with a slate gable roof and vertical siding. The building is located about 300 feet northeast of the stone main house of the farm at the north end of Deth's Ford Road near Deer Creek in Harford County, Maryland.

The vertical siding of the barn has two bored holes in the ends of each plank. According to the Harford County Directory (1953), the boards were pegged together and rafted or "arked" down the Susquehanna River.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			local history	

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1850

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Wakefield Farm Barn is significant in local history for its exemplification of building techniques of the mid-19th century and the transportation of building materials by "arking" them downriver. This may be the only extant example in Harford County which shows the bored holes for the arking process.

For further information on Wakefield Farm, see HA-289 and on a possible mill site on the property, see HA-291.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

May 1970 interview with owners by Jean Ewing
Harford County Directory, 1953, p. 318

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Harford County Dept. of Planning and Zoning

DATE

September 1982

STREET & NUMBER

45 So. Main St.

TELEPHONE

(301) 838-6000, ext. 207

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

MD 21014

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

Wakefield Farm Barn

HA-290

8. Significance:

CORRECTION:

Since this form was completed, another example of "arking" holes has been surveyed--John A. Silver Barn (HA-385). There is a strong probability of other examples in the area.

Janet Davis
November 1982

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N. R. FIELD SHEETMD. HISTORICAL TRUST
BOX 1704
ANNAPOLIS, MD. 21404NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME			
COMMON: <i>Proctor-Cole Barn</i>			
AND/OR HISTORIC:			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: <i>Lane enters east of Deth's Ford Road about 0.5 mi</i>			
CITY OR TOWN: <i>Darlington in Glenville north of Harmony Church Rd.</i>			
STATE: <i>MD</i>	CODE:	COUNTY: <i>Harford</i>	CODE:

3. CLASSIFICATION		CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC	
District	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building	<input type="checkbox"/> Public	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Acquisition:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes:				
Site	<input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	<input type="checkbox"/> In Process	<input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted				
Object	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted				
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)									
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments					
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)						
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious							
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific							

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNERS NAME: <i>Mr & Mrs Thomas Proctor</i>			
STREET AND NUMBER: <i>Deth's Ford Road</i>			
CITY OR TOWN: <i>Darlington</i>	STATE: <i>MD</i>	CODE:	STATE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT			
STREET AND NUMBER: HARFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE 40 S. MAIN ST.			
CITY OR TOWN: BEL AIR	STATE: MARYLAND	CODE:	COUNTY:
APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:			

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY:			
DATE OF SURVEY: Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/>			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE:	FOR NPS USE ONLY
			ENTRY NUMBER
			DATE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

7. DESCRIPTION

N. R. FIELD SHEET

CONDITION	(Check One)				
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)		(Check One)		
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This ~~stone foundation~~ frame barn, was built on stone foundation for the stable and cow-stalls, with heavy hewn timbers, pegged, supporting the slate roof and vertical siding. Siding retains 2 bored holes in each end of each board where they were lashed together and "rafted" - floated - down the Susquehanna and sold at Port Deposit about 1850. The pine planks are seasoned - never painted.

The barnyard faces south - the ridgepole runs east-west.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian ☐

16th Century ☐

18th Century ☐

20th Century ☐

15th Century ☐

17th Century ☐

19th Century ☒

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal ☐

Education ☐

Political ☐

Urban Planning ☐

Prehistoric ☐

Engineering ☐

Religion/Phi-

Other (Specify) ☐

Historic ☐

Industry ☐

losophy ☐

Agriculture ☐

Invention ☐

Science ☐

Art ☐

Landscape ☐

Sculpture ☐

Commerce ☐

Architecture ☐

Sociol/Humon-

Communications ☐

Literature ☐

itarian ☐

Conservation ☐

Military ☐

Theater ☐

Music ☐

Transportation ☐

Historical

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

Use of local stone & timbers combined
with pine siding from upstate
Pennsylvania floated down the
Susquehanna in the spring floods
for sale at Port Deposit and Rock Tran,
opposite sides of the river at the head
of tidewater.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Interocia Inc Inc Proctor Ma, 70

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	° ' "	° ' "		°	'	"
NE	° ' "	° ' "		°	'	"
SE	° ' "	° ' "		°	'	"
SW	° ' "	° ' "		°	'	"

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:		JEAN S EWING	
ORGANIZATION	DATE		
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
50 STATE CIRCLE			
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE	CODE	
ANNAPOLIS	MARYLAND		

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

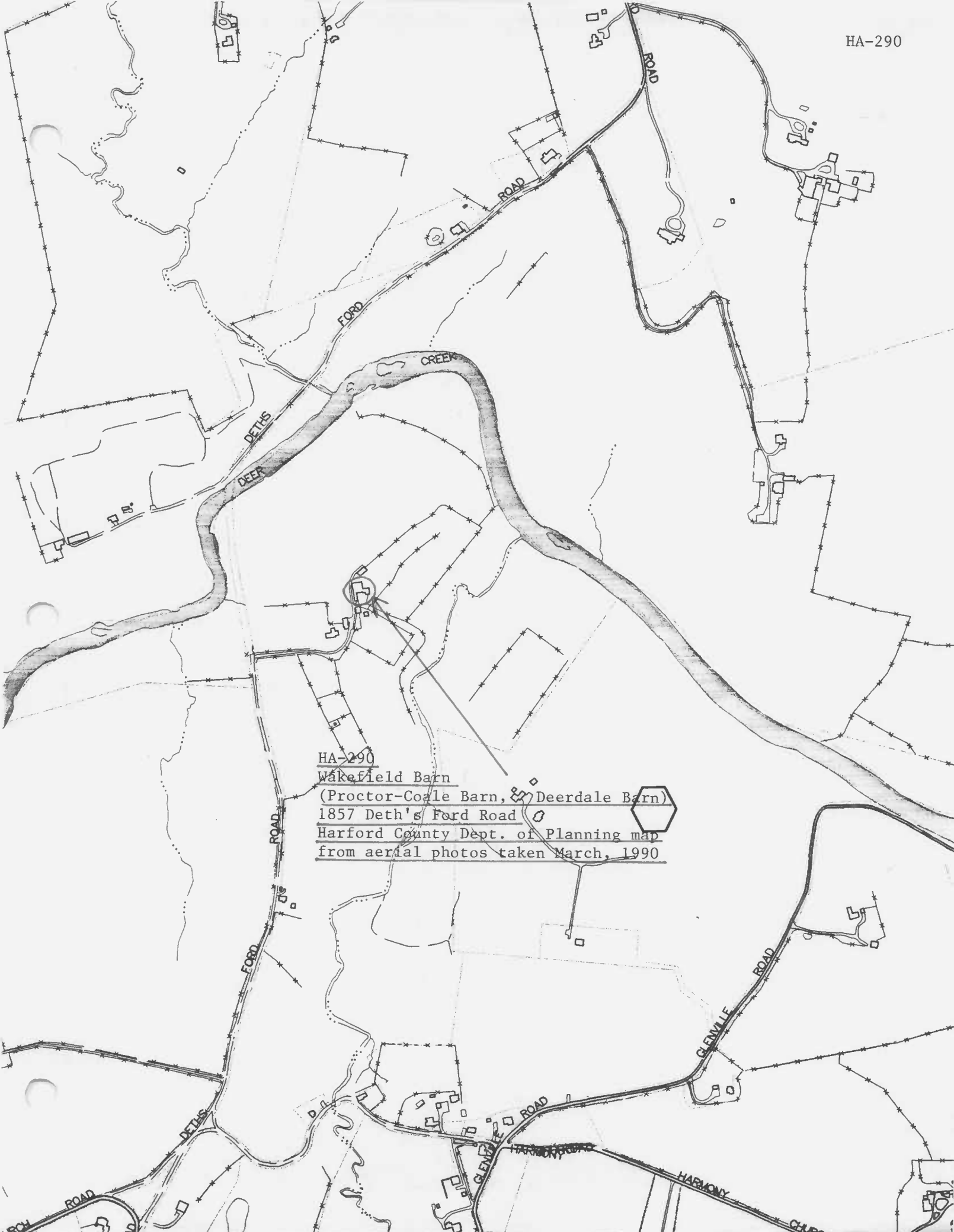
Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

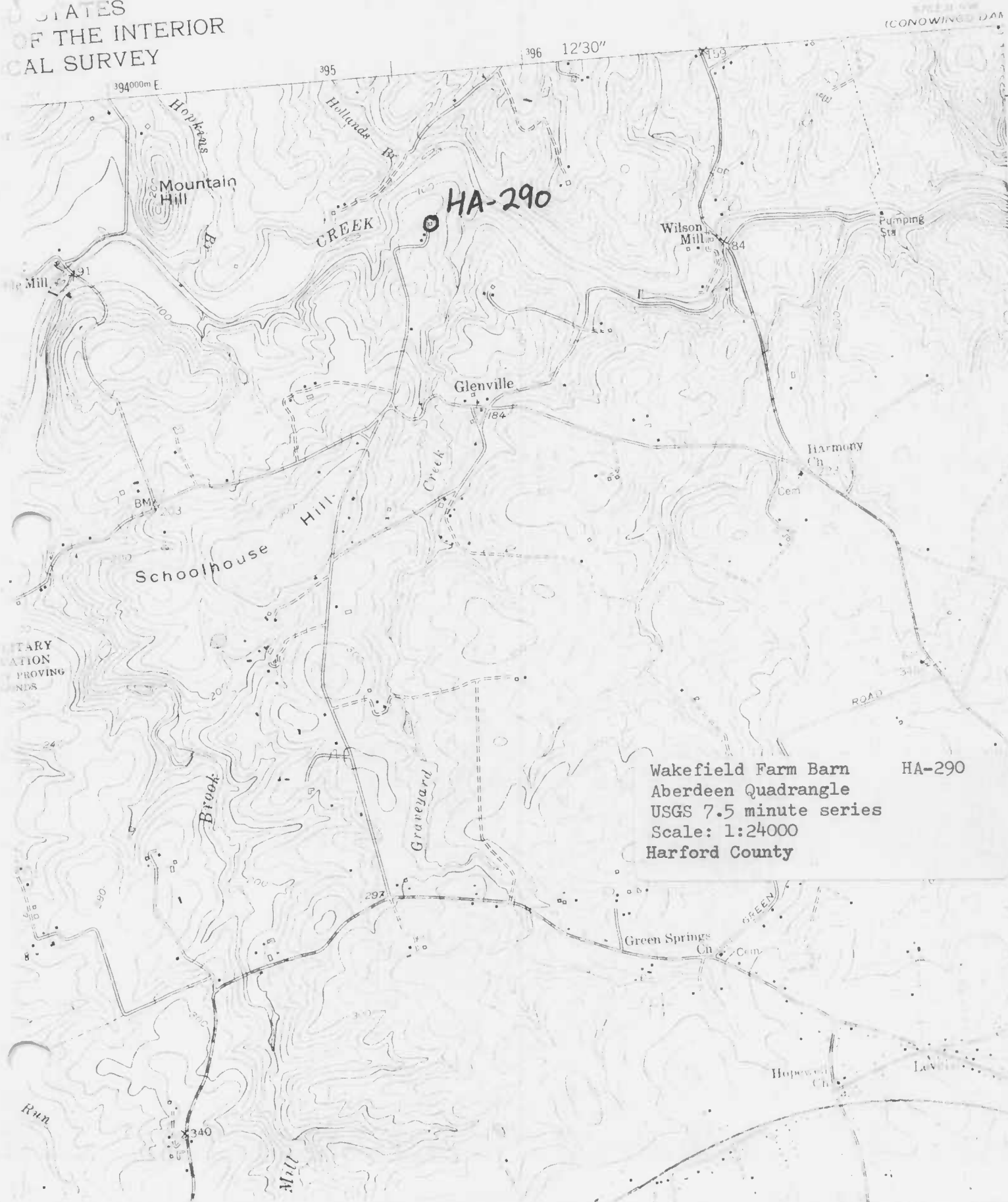
Date _____

SEE INSTRUCTIONS



HA-290
Wakefield Barn
(Proctor-Coale Barn, Deerdale Barn)
1857 Deth's Ford Road
Harford County Dept. of Planning map
from aerial photos taken March, 1990

UNITED STATES
OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY



Wakefield Farm Barn HA-290
Aberdeen Quadrangle
USGS 7.5 minute series
Scale: 1:24000
Harford County



Wakefield Farm Barn

HA-290

Glenville vicinity

Harford County

Photo: Janet Davis

September 1982

View from north, with main house in distance

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Proctor/Coale Barn HA-289
Darlington, Maryland 21034
Susan M. Deeney
4/78
Southwest



Wakefield Farm Barn

HA-290

Glenville vicinity

Harford County

Photo: Janet Davis

September 1982

Detail, "arking" holes, west elevation

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